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of the men who live after him. The mirage is only one thing which entered into his life. He was intoxicated at times with the beauty and stunned with the wonder of it. Let us too infuse into our beings some of the wonder and beauty which maintained the pioneer.

Bird Nests Found at Spring Ledge in 1919.

BY FRANK C. EVANS.

I have just completed a record of the bird nests found at Spring Ledge, near Crawfordsville, Indiana, during the past summer, and I thought perhaps the readers of the *American Midland Naturalist* might be interested in the result. I located 146 nests on the grounds, and since the leaves have fallen, have found several others; but these are not included in the record. There were twenty-six species as follows:—

Green Heron.....1	Flicker.....4
Robin.....18	Sparrow Hawk.....1
Baltimore Oriole.....3	Orchard Oriole.....1
House Wren.....14	Cuckoo, Yellow-billed.....3
Mourning Dove.....14	Warbling Vireo.....3
Brown Thrasher.....3	Catbird.....3
Bluebird.....6	Chimney Swift.....2
Chipping Sparrow.....5	Hummingbird.....2
Red-headed Woodpecker.....2	Meadowlark.....6
Purple Martin.....38	Maryland Yellow-throat.....1
Blue Jay.....1	Red-winged Blackbird.....3
Kingbird.....1	Cedarbird.....2
Phoebe.....2	Crested Flycatcher.....1

I put up sixty-six nesting boxes and shelves—fifty-five boxes and eleven shelves. Twenty-eight boxes were used. Six of the boxes were used twice, and three, three times. Twenty-seven boxes were not used. Eight of these were in the immediate vicinity of a sparrow hawk's nest, which I think account for their not being occupied. Of the eleven shelter shelves, five were used, all by robins.

Our Martin colony was considerably larger this year, and was a source of continual delight throughout the summer. Among our prized nests was a hummingbird's, situated on a limb about six feet above a large spring. If I had been permitted to select the location, I could not have picked a more picturesque spot. It was a

perfect jewel of a nest. We watched the mother bird throughout the period of incubation, and especially enjoyed seeing her feed her baby, bird—only one of the two eggs hatched. I also found a perfect humming bird's nest under a tree, which had evidently been blown from the limb; so we really think we had two hummingbirds' nests, but have no record of one of them.

I shall never again permit a sparrow hawk to nest on the grounds. I am sure he drove many birds away, for often I would observe him perched in the top of a tall oak tree, and suddenly dart like an arrow for smaller birds that happened to alight in his vicinity. Besides, none of the nesting boxes near the sparrow hawk's nest were occupied.

We did not locate a cardinal's nest this year, although the grounds were full of them nearly all the time. I know they were nesting nearby, but we were unable to find the nests.

I wish everyone could appreciate the great returns in pleasure and satisfaction in protecting and attracting the song birds to their home grounds. Certainly no other investment brings greater returns.